



Docket No.: 522.1921D3

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Mayumi TOMIKAWA et al.

Serial No. 09/909,809

Group Art Unit: 1631

Confirmation No. 6031

Filed: July 23, 2001

Examiner: Shubo ZHOU

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING AND EVALUATING MUTUALLY  
SIMILAR PORTIONS IN ONE-DIMENSIONAL SEQUENCES IN MOLECULES AND/OR  
THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES OF MOLECULES

**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S LETTER FINDING RESPONSE FILED ON JANUARY 23, 2004  
TO BE NON-RESPONSIVE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office communication mailed on April 26, 2004 finding the response filed on January 23, 2004 to be non-responsive.

The subject Office communication set a shortened, 1-month period for response set to expire on May 26, 2004. A Petition for an Extension of Time for 5 months is filed concurrently herewith, thereby extending the response due date to October 26, 2004. Therefore, this Response is timely filed by October 26, 2004.

However, if any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.